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Greater Challenges Beckon Sutton Town Engineer

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - Town Engineer Richard Wharton tendered his resignation in a March 10 memo to Town Administrator Dexter Blois. In the letter, Wharton explained that his 36 years of engineering experience has prepared him better for work in engineering management, an area in which he worked as a career officer with the Army, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He noted in the memo to Blois that, presently, most of his time has been spent doing routine, day-to-day activities in areas which the 1988 Annual Report defined as "other" and "emergency," instead of working in engineering management which would have had him discharging the list of 34 goals and responsibilities which he outlined in the 1991 Annual Report. Wharton said he understands that budget restraints, cuts in State aid, and the economy have altered the nature of his responsibilities from one of insuring that all engineering functions are performed in the most cost effective manner to becoming involved in day-to-day activities. While he was not opposed to performing these functions, for which he was qualified, he said his preference is to work in "engineering management" a function for which he was hired.

Wharton stated in his 1991 Town Report that funds to support the engineering management would come primarily from permit and license fees charged by various boards, commissions and departments that are served by his department. However, the economy and budget reductions make that unlikely for the foreseeable future.

Wharton was careful to state that he sympathized with the town's fiscal plight and was not criticizing the town's refocusing its priorities. In the memo, he states that his projections are that he "will be expected to continue handling day-to-day engineer services and not the engineering management functions that I had envisioned I would be doing."

The memo went on to explain that he was proud to have been Sutton's first Town Engineer and that his recommendations and decisions were always made with the intent of insuring that all engineering and construction work was done according to sound professionally accepted specifications.

In an interview with the *Chronicle*, Wharton emphasized that he was leaving because he wanted to continue work in engineering management. He emphasized that his interest in coming to Sutton was in overseeing an engineering master plan that included, among other work, the development of a town-wide premium road and sewer network, and water and solid waste policies which would prepare Sutton for anticipated residential and commercial expansion.

Wharton said he was proud of what he has accomplished and that he will leave Sutton with projects that are sound and will require a minimum amount of maintenance. He said that even the Hartness Road project, the source of a lot of criticism, will be completed and be of high quality and aesthetically pleasing. Wharton had high praise for Blois and Highway Engineer Ray Smith for trying to alleviate problems related to the Hartness Road project which were not of their creation. He said that the sewer contractors have done an excellent job and said that complications created by the weather, reliance on supplies from others, narrow roads, and large trees and wires, have clouded the fact that the roads will be an asset to the town and to the residents abutting them when completed.

Wharton reiterated that he is leaving only because he is seeking other challenges more in keeping with his interest in engineering management. He and his family plan on returning to Pennsylvania where he will work as an engineering consultant.

They're Special!

MILLBURY - Students at the Elmwood and Shaw schools were recently entertained and educated by Kaleidoscope Theater's production of "I'm Special, You're Special." The play focuses, with compassion and understanding, on a youth with retardation as he is mainstreamed into the local school. Based in Providence Rhode Island, Kaleidoscope Theatre was founded in 1977 by teachers as a curriculum enhancing tool. The presentation was funded by a special education federal grant obtained by Joanne Stowe, Special Ed Administrator for the Millbury Public Schools.

CHRONICLE photos by Alexander A. Belisle

Pictured above are members of the cast (the Brown family) and students from the Shaw School: (front row (l-r) Cheryl DeSimone, Ashley Berardi, (Annie Brown) Melissa Frederickson, Matthew Cicero; 2nd row: kneeling, (Bob Brown) John Pacheco, (sitting David Brown) Bill Sousa, Aaron Agusto, Karla Grudinsky; Standing: Julie Doyle, (Lee Brown) David Payton, (Liza Brown) Debbie Lapointe,

Budgets and Superintendent's Evaluation Top School Committee Discussions

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Committee held a public hearing on the proposed school budget for FY 92-93 on March 18 with four members present: Chairman Chet Hanratty, Jane Pojani, Alan Marble, and Bruce Pease. Also present were eight residents.

Hanratty stated at the outset that the proposed School Budget to be presented to the Annual Town Meeting shows an increase of 1.77% over the previous year's budget. The budget summary shows a 1989-90 budget of $6,737,807 with expenditures of $6,734,544; the 90-91 budget was $6,595,425 with expenditures of $6,592,449; the proposed budget under review for FY '92-'93 is $6,734,979. Areas showing a decrease from last year's budget included "administration," "fixed charges," "acquisition of fixed assets," and "out of state travel."

Areas showing an increase included: "instruction", "other services", "operation and maintenance of plant", and "programs with other systems."

Resident Sylvia Bourdeau told the committee that he went to the Superintendent's office and was given a copy of the budget but was denied access to backup material. He said some backup material was given to the Finance Committee which makes the materials a matter of public record.

Hanratty replied that some of the material could not be released because it included personnel information and figures and information regarding on-going collective bargaining. He also noted that only the Chairman of the Finance Committee had access to that information and not the entire Committee.

Bourdeau then asked about the salary of the Assistant Superintendent which shows a decrease over last year.

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We The People...

With Power Comes Accountability

To the Editor:

In the 1980's, the Committee on Human Services of the State House of Representatives, led by their Chairman, Paul Kollios, threw an enormous amount of money at social service programs in the Commonwealth. As we see the workings of the Department of Social services and the Department of Mental Retardation exposed in a series of scandals, we have to ask ourselves just what have we purchased with the creation and growth of these huge bureaucracies?

Although there are many good people working in the Department of Social Services, the picture recently is of an agency out of control. The tragic cases of the Sanborn and Layden families cry out for a reform of our social service process. A child is snatched away from loving foster parents with no explanation; two little girls are in danger of losing the only stable home they've ever known, to be forcibly "reunited" with a biological father with a long criminal record. These outrages continue to occur in part because the Legislature passed up several chances to make "the best interests of the child" the guiding rule of law in social services.

The Department of Mental Retardation also seems like another huge bureaucracy out of control. Why didn't the Legislative Committee in charge of Human Services discover a pattern of abuse and neglect? The *Boston Herald* recently published a series on the abuse of clients, including sexual abuse, that has become epidemic in the system. Only after the Legislature is forced, by the glare of publicity, to take action, is any reform discussed. A number of very expensive lawsuits filed in behalf of abused DMR clients may be the result, costing the taxpayers even more money.

Who is to be blamed for this mess? Certainly not every member of the Legislature can be held accountable for these disasters. Our incumbent Representative, however, has been for years the Chairman of the Committee responsible for these areas. Representative Kollios is now busy calling for commissions and investigations after the fact, making news and getting his picture in the Boston papers. It is important to point out that he was in charge of the Human Services Committee when the Legislature designed the rules for these bureaucracies; rules so easily turned against the best interests of children, and the developmentally disabled.

Monica Bauer
Oxford
Candidate for the 7th Worcester District of the Massachusetts State House of Representatives

Work Together for Children

To the Editor:

The recent controversy regarding one of our school committee members has caused some of us to reflect upon our priorities as educators. It appears that some people are losing sight of the most important issue - our children and their education. With all the problems that our state is encountering today, why couldn't all this energy that has been directed to discredit a school committee member be put to better use at our state and local level to help improve the many educational issues that have devastated our school systems? Isn't it only right that we should support those efforts and people who are working in this direction? Let us try to build up rather than tear down our resources and work together for the good of our children.

Karen Bouchard
Uxbridge
(In addition to Bouchard, this letter was signed by 15 other Millbury teachers.)

Educational Reform Needed

To the Editor:

The school age children and taxpayers of Millbury deserve a change. As the mother of four children who are graduates of Millbury High School, and a former teacher, I am aware of the very good educational opportunities that have been available to our students.

In order to continue to provide our students with the proper educational tools, we must begin educational reform on a local level, as many other communities have done in the past year. Waiting for the state to act could put our youth at a tremendous disadvantage.

The taxpayers can no longer accept the increasing administrative costs that are evident in our town. A recent survey of towns in the Blackstone Valley (towns that have demographics similar to the town of Millbury) reveals that our school system is smaller than the other systems in the survey by 300 to 500 students, but is the only one that has both an Assistant Superintendent and a Business Manager.

As a matter of fact, the Uxbridge School system, which has 250 more students than we do, has neither an Assistant Superintendent nor a Business Manager, but managed to receive about $140,000 more in grants than Millbury.

During a time when it is possible that teachers and police officers might be laid off and other town employees might be asked to take a 6% pay cut, it is disturbing to see our top two school officials getting raises of $4,500 and $5,950 (the proposed budget does not clearly define the increases). There have been school administrators in other communities who, during the past few years of fiscal constraints, have given up contracted raises for the good of the communities. Have our administrators been asked to consider similar action?

If I am elected to the School Committee, I will propose various positive suggestions that will result in changes that should prove to be a benefit to our students and taxpayers.

Barbara A. Tuttle
Millbury

Another Point of View

Irresponsible, Inconsiderate, Pilfering, or Stupid?

By Lawrence Moore

Each of us, in the past few weeks, has consciously or subconsciously categorized the members of Congress, equating them in some way with a concept to which we can relate. Depending on our sense of right and wrong, we chose terms more incriminating or less vituperative.

Those who "vote a straight ticket," who have personal connections or obligations, who forgive 'til it hurts, who don't vote or don't care, tend to minimize the importance of the check-writing disaster.

Those who have a strong sense of ethics and morality, who, at the very least, expect our Congressmen to adhere to the basic rules with which each of us must comply, and who resent being taken in by hocus-pocus, tend to be personally insulted and outraged by what went on.

Irresponsible: Who among us neglects to keep enough record to know when the bank account is getting low? Is it not inconceivably ridiculous not to have known that thousands of dollars of checks were overdrawn? The Bank maintains they called, Congressman Joseph Early and others say they did not, but whose is the primary responsibility to maintain a healthy balance in accounts? It is said that the staff deposited checks late, that the staff didn't advise of calls from the Bank. Who is responsible for the staff? Early planned to bring his family to the Ethics Committee hearing, to give credence to his claim that raising a large family, living from his $10,750 monthly paycheck to $10,750 paycheck, was a hardship. THAT is a hardship many of Early's constituents would like to live with!

Inconsiderate: It is reported that the House Bank as an institution goes back to the 1800's, to make it easier for Congressmen, living away from home, to handle their financial affairs. The Senate has no such Bank. For almost 200 years, while there probably were indiscretions, the arrogance of incumbents never reached the present pitiful state. It is said that no laws were broken and that the taxpayers were not bilked. But the connivers' overdrafts were covered by the funds of their associates who operated responsibly, and as a result were victimized by their trusted colleagues.

Pilfering: The free and easy money overdrawn from the House Bank was not enough for some of our esteemed elected lawmakers. Corrupt and deceptive, they conceived another scam. They wrote checks to buy Postage from the House Post Office....and converted the stamps into Cash. How small, how cheap, how low had these hungry-for-money incumbents become?

Stupid: Many of the accused profess not to have known what was going on. THAT is the ultimate insult to the people who elected them. If they were that stupid, WE were even more stupid by electing them to so high an office. And how repulsive it is for them to think that we will believe their lies, that we will forgive their crocodile tears, and that we will return them to their exalted but sullied seats!

SOLUTION: VOTE!
DON'T SEND THE CULPRITS BACK!

PASS "Limited Terms." Incumbency creates power, and power corrupts. More states will enact term limits in November. It's on the ballot in Michigan, South Dakota and Wyoming, perhaps in California and Washington. Initiatives may be on in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nebraska, Arkansas, Ohio and Florida. It's only a question of time; the sooner the better!

THE BANK - If a Bank is needed, open the bidding to Chase, Citicorp, Fleet, Shawmut and the rest. Run it like a bank, and collect some rent!

Let's get really unforgiving and unrelenting this November 3rd, and let's vote out the Irresponsible, the Inconsiderate, the Pilfering and the Stupid.

(The opinions expressed in "Another Point of View" are strictly those of Mr. Moore and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of this newspaper.)

Obituaries

Valere 'Red' Godbout

WEST HARWICH - Valere "Red" Godbout, 77, of 3 Homeward Lane, West Harwich, formerly of Sutton, died March 17, at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis.

He leaves his wife, Bernice M. (Weldon) Godbout; a daughter, Suzanne M. Paris of Albion, N.Y.; a brother, Marcel Godbout of Woonsocket, R.I.; a sister, Therese Gosselin of Bellingham; three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews. He was born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, son of Wilbrod and Clorinthe (Laroche) Godbout.

Mr. Godbout lived in West Harwich for the last 20 years. Prior to that, he lived in Millbury and Sutton for 41 years, and Woonsocket, R.I. for 12 years. He was a self-employed barber in West Harwich for 14 years, retiring in 1986. He owned and operated Val's Barber Shop in Millbury for 36 years.

Mr. Godbout was a member of Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich, serving as an usher at the church for 20 years. He was a former member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Millbury, where he also served as an usher for 20 years. He was a member of the Bishop O'Reilly Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in Worcester; the Benedict Council Knights of Columbus, South Grafton; and the Millbury Old Timers Inc.

The funeral was held from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main St., Millbury, with a Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 14 Waters St., Millbury. Burial was in St. Brigid's Cemetery, Millbury. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

BEACON HILL ROLL CALL

This week's Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) on three roll calls from the week of March 16-20. It also includes the votes of Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on four roll calls from late sessions on March 12. There were no roll calls in the House last week.

THE HOUSE

GENERAL RELIEF (H 5317) - House 101-45, rejected an amendment prohibiting two or more unrelated welfare recipients who live together to each receive full benefits. The supplemental budget allows the full benefits while the amendment allows full benefits for one recipient and reduces them for second or subsequent ones. Amendment supporters, noting these people share expenses, said the reduction was approved last year. They argued changing back to full benefits will cost $4 million. Opponents said these recipients who choose to live together to save money should not be penalized and claimed the reduction will hurt many poor people. Moore voted to prohibit the full benefits. Kollios voted to allow full benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET - (H 5317) - House 127-11, gave near final approval to a $100 million fiscal 1992 supplemental budget. Provisions include $42 million for local aid payments, $22 million for courts, and $11 million for mental health. Supporters said this was a fiscally responsible package necessary to fund essentials for the remainder of

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Fiscal Responsibility Committee Asked to Apologize

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The March 19 Selectmen's meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Administrative Assistant Earl Chase informed the Board that he is recommending that Veteran's Agent Phil Buso be paid half of his present salary as full time agent when he begins working part time after March 30th. The Board approved his request, 4-0.

Chase also said that the part time clerk in the Veteran's office, who also gives some time to the Counsel On Aging, may have to spend more time in the Veterans Office with Buso not there.

Selectman Gerry Bleau said the clerk cannot perform any of the tasks of the Veterans Agent and would only be able to give out applications and answer the telephone.

Chase said the clerk could report to him.

Bleau suggested that she move into the Selectmen's Office.

Chase said that in the past, the clerk has done work from his office before going over to the C.O.A. office.

The board took the matter under consideration.

Town Meeting

The Board instructed Chase to discuss with the Finance Committee and the Town Meeting Moderator options for putting off the scheduled Town Meeting from May 5 until the Town receives the Cherry Sheet from the State.

Bleau suggested that consideration be given to moving for a one twelfth budget if the Cherry Sheet doesn't come in until June. Cristo suggested that a motion be made at the Town meeting to put the meeting off until June.

Town Hall Employees

The Board met with 17 clerks and secretaries employed at the Town Hall who asked to be heard on an issue reported in the press that they maintain gives the appearance that the Fiscal Responsibility Committee (FRC) has a low opinion of the workers at Town Hall. The now defunct FRC was appointed by the Selectmen to recommend cost saving measures for the town. One of the recommendations was that town hall employees be paid for the hours of 9-4 when the Town Hall is open, "making working hours for employees a six and one half day or 32 hours a week." Currently, town hall employees are paid for the hours of 8:45-to 4:15. The quarter hour before opening and after closing was the subject of a discussion at the March 3 selectmen's meeting between the board and the FRC.

Ann Kniskern, who is employed in the Building Department, served as spokeswoman for the clerks and secretaries. "We feel as a group and individually," Kniskern said, "that we have been publicly insulted by the assertion that at quarter of nine to nine in the morning and that at four to four fifteen no work is done in the town hall and that as such paying us is 'illegal.' Quite frankly, the statement is patently false. I have never seen a member of your Fiscal Responsibility Committee and actually very few of your department heads in the building between quarter of 9:00 to 9:00 in the morning or in the afternoon between 4:00 and 4:15 P.M. We would like to know how they arrived at the fact that people don't work," she said. "Most of the time the departments use this time to prepare for the day and to close at the end of the day. In this respect, I don't think we are different than any business in town. The insurance company gives the girls early time to set up, the doctors' offices give them early time to set up, and this is pay time. We felt there were certain issues the Committee didn't bother to address. There are a lot of employees in here at 8:30 a.m. and after 4:15 p.m. The extra time these people put in is not put on their time sheets, nor did they address the fact that people come into town hall before 9:00 a.m. and they are taken care of by people working in the various departments, way before business is open. When people come in at four they stay until the business is completed, sometimes until 4:30.

"The committee didn't address, to my knowledge," she continued, "or come into town hall to look at what people's jobs were and were they in fact doing them. We feel if a department head has a problem with an employee, a specific problem, then it's their responsibility to deal with that directly. If in fact this is not being done, then we have to ask you the same question being asked of us. Are they doing their job and are you paying them illegally? We feel we have been publicly embarrassed. We have been insulted." Kniskern asked for a public apology.

Cristo replied that the FRC looked at the issue of cutting 6% across the board. "I wasn't there (at the committee's meeting)," he said. "Selectmen Gauthier was there and maybe he will respond to this when I'm done. One of the things discussed was cutting 6% across the board in every department in town government. One of the ways of getting that 6% was by cutting out that half hour each day over five days in this building. Yet the Department Heads have some flexibility in determining how their employees work and how they are going to make their 6% cut. That could be accomplished by changing the work hours. Where the discussion went in terms of quarter of and quarter past the hour and that people are not doing their jobs, I don't know as I wasn't there! I will say one thing," Cristo continued. "Personally I have been on this Board for ten years and I have probably taken several thousand phone calls at my home and I have never had a call once from anyone complaining that they came into the town hall and were treated improperly by any employees in getting the service they expected to get. I have always thought we are in a service business and that everyone in here does a pretty good job in providing service to the public and may in some cases go above and beyond that, as you alluded to. I'm not going to apologize for what somebody else said. That's how I feel about this whole thing. Personally, if we look at the issue of quarter of or quarter past as an issue that cannot be resolved maybe we can look at it as something like nine to four thirty or eight thirty to four. Maybe we can provide some better service to the public by doing that and leave it to the department heads to determine whether or not the hours you work are to be as determined by this Board. We haven't decided what we are going to do," he said. "I have told you how I feel personally. I can't tell you what the Fiscal Responsibility Committee got into beyond what we initially discussed - the 6% cut. I heard the same thing you did and some of those numbers. I'm not going to criticize the Fiscal Responsibility Committee either, because they have a tough job and they made some hard recommendations. As to where they got into that people are not doing their job, I don't know."

Kniskern replied, "Basically what you're saying is that we are taking your money for doing nothing. That's not true. That's an insult against our integrity and our professionalism. I don't think it was warranted!"

"I didn't say it, and I don't believe it," Cristo replied.

Saying she was addressing the whole board, Kniskern continued, "Basically you are our bosses. You people oversee the entire operation. I think you have a responsibility to look into it to see if this is indeed in fact true and/or you have a responsibility to go to the Fiscal Responsibility Committee and say that they should apologize. That's your responsibility."

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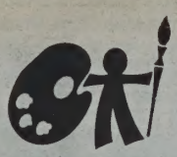

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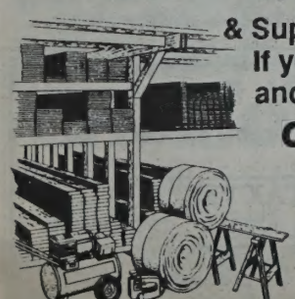

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Marble Seeks Re-Election

MILLBURY - Alan K. Marble, of 84 Elmwood Street, has announced his candidacy for re-election to a second three-year term on the Millbury School Committee.

A lifelong resident of Millbury, he is a graduate of Millbury Public Schools. He earned at B.S. degree in education and an M.S. degree in education from Worcester State College. He has been employed in the Framingham Public Schools as a Science Teacher for 22 years.

Marble is a former chairman of the Millbury Finance Committee. He is also a former coach in the Millbury Youth Soccer League and the YMCA Y-Winners Youth Basketball league. He is the manager of the Millbury Little League and a member of the Singletary Rod and Gun Club.

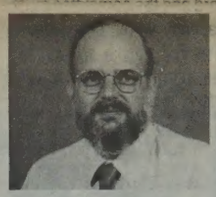
In making his announcement, Marble said, "During these fiscally difficult times, I have the experience, qualifications and commitment to continue the challenge of maintaining the excellent academic, extracurricular and athletic programs we have in Millbury. During my first term, I have raised issues, become involved and responded to requests from members of the community. I have made annual visits to all schools while they were in session.

"I have demonstrated leadership and initiative in addressing transportation problems, revising the discipline code, questioning grouping policies and addressing concerns created when we moved the seventh grade to the High School. I have strongly supported curriculum coordination from K-12, a computer writing lab, restructuring the schools, teaming in grades 5-8, our athletic programs, and communication between the schools and the community.

"I will continue to do my best in providing comprehensive educational opportunities for all students in the Millbury Public Schools."

Marble is married to the former Kathleen Flynn. The couple has two children attending Millbury Public Schools: Charles, 16, and Andrew, 11.

Hutchinson to run for Selectman



SUTTON - Carl Hutchinson, of 208 Burbank Road, has announced his candidacy for the seat being vacated by retiring selectman Mike Chizy. This is his second attempt for selectman, finishing third in a 5-way race for two seats last year.

Hutchinson graduated from Sutton High School in 1967. He attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute where he studied mechanical engineering. He is the owner of Hutchinson Machine Co. He and his wife have two daughters.

Hutchinson served on the finance committee for three years, two years as chairman. He also served as Chairman of the Library Trustees for six years, Chairman of the Library Building Committee for two years, and served one year as a member of the Solid Waste Disposal Committee and the Master Plan Study Group. He is a life member of the Sutton Historical Society.

Pease Seeks Re-Election

MILLBURY - Bruce D. Pease, 50. of 407 W. Main Street, is a candidate for re-election to a three year term on the Millbury School Committee in the April 28 town election. He has served two terms on the committee.

Pease says he has been involved in many issues relative to educational improvement in the Millbury Public Schools, including: the creation of the new writing lab, the new process writing program K-12, increased requirements for graduation for the High School, and the emphasis that all teachers be certified in the subjects which they are reaching. He is a member of the ad hoc committee on discrimination in the system. He believes that "all children deserve an education which will provide them with the skills necessary to compete successfully in the 21st century and enable them to become lifelong learners."

Pease was a coach in the Little League Farm System for four years, and in the town soccer league for 10 years. He is a former Marine. He has been teaching Science for 28 years in Worcester. He has also taught at Becker Jr. College, the former Worcester Jr. College, and is a visiting instructor in Chemistry at Worcester State College.

Pease holds a BS and an Med. from WSC and an MS from WPI. He will receive a CAGS from WSC in May. He is a member of local, state and national educational associations, the Mass. Association of School Committees, and national and international chemical societies. He said he has been nominated twice as teacher of the year in the Worcester Public Schools.

A resident of Millbury for 25 years, Pease and his wife, Leane, have four children, all of whom have graduated from or are presently attending Millbury Public Schools. He is a member of Assumption Parish in Millbury.

Candidate for Cemetery Commission

MILLBURY - Randy K. Mogren, 27, of 58 West Main Street, has announced his candidacy for a three year term as cemetery commissioner. A lifelong resident of Millbury, he graduated from Millbury Memorial High School in 1981.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in education from Worcester State College in 1987.

Mogren has been employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Management, for the past six years. He is also an Intermittent Reserve Police Officer for the town of Millbury. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 109 and the Olive Branch Lodge of Masons.

Mogren is married to the former Karen A. Gosselin. The couple has two girls, Paige and Meredith.

Candidates, please note!

The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle will not publish any candidate announcements after April 2 for the annual elections in Millbury and Sutton. Millbury elections will be held on April 28 and Sutton elections on April 25. This means that announcements must be received no later than March 28th.

Announcements are printed on a first received/first printed basis, depending on space availability. Any candidate who waits until the March 28 deadline runs the risk of not having his/her announcement published because of space limitations. Please try and keep announcements to a maximum of 300 words.

Friends meeting

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will meet at 7 p.m. on April 2. Any adult who has paid for a single or family membership is a Friend and is invited to attend. The refreshment committee is preparing Easter goodies.

Millbury Arts Council

MILLBURY - A scholarship is available through the Millbury Arts Council for any Millbury resident who is a high school graduate and is planning to study the arts (visual arts, dance, music, photography, etc.) Applications are available at the library or from Pamela Graves at the High School. Forms should be returned to Graves no later than April 10.

Lenten Speaker

Grafton - Joaquin Morarro, counselor at the adult rehabilitation center for the Salvation Army in Worcester, will be the speaker at the special Lenten service of the Union Congregational Church of South Grafton, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.

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Gauthier, who served on the FRC said he didn't believe that it was the consensus of the whole committee that no work was performed during those 15 minute periods. "I don't think the whole Committee feels that way," he said.

Eva Donovan, a clerk in the Tax Collector's office, said morale at the town hall was "very low" since the article appeared in the paper.

Kniskern said there were calls from Grafton Town Hall employees "who indicated to us that they were quite surprised that we don't work. They figured we found a way not to work, and they were looking to figure out a way of doing the same thing."

Cristo said his years in public service suggest that it only takes one or two in public service to make all look bad, and the public is always looking for a public whipping boy. "There are a lot of dedicated people out there that do a good job," he said. "I don't have a problem with anybody in this room. I've never personally seen anybody not doing their job when I have been in this building. Personally, I have been here at the end of the day and I don't see 20 or 30 people running out the door."

Lachance said he thought that Grafton was the only local community that has a time clock at its town hall. "Is that correct?" he asked.

Kniskern said she didn't know but that that was not the issue.

"Some of the individuals on that committee may have made comments," Cristo said. "You have to realize that people on that committee were volunteers. They are no longer formally a committee. Those individuals who made those comments have to decide if they want to apologize. We can't tell them to make an apology."

Town Hall employee Terry O'Brien remarked that the committee has said it obtained information on this issue from the department heads. "It's only fair that we know the names of these department heads who are accusing us," she said.

"I agree with you," Cristo said, "but I don't know who the department heads were."

Kniskern asked the Board to send a letter to the disbanded committee. "Ask them for a clarification and/or an apology," she said. "We deserve it."

Cristo said he would be agreeable to sending a letter to see who among the department heads might have suggested that the employees do not work that half hour of time and to see if they would reaffirm what was said.

Bleau said that, based on what the FRC said, the statements were from a majority of the department heads.

Gauthier said the minutes of the FRC meeting wouldn't reveal any more information, "because they are based upon general conversations. It might have come up" he said, "but I can't remember anyone saying it."

Kniskern again said that the hours of work were not the issue. "What was said is that we did not work the half hour and we were paid as a result, illegally."

"Why comments were made is something those individuals who made them can answer," Cristo said. "We didn't make them. Maybe they won't answer."

"If they don't answer," Kniskern countered, "then we have a responsibility to ourselves as professional people to take it a step further. This is not a threat," she said, noting that she was speaking for herself. "We have a right to a clarification and to why this was said. If they don't want to answer us, we can't very well say, okay, they don't want to answer us. I don't believe we can accept that."

Cristo said he would entertain a motion to send a letter asking for a clarification from the FRC.

Lachance said he didn't think that the comment of one person was a reflection of the attitude of the whole committee.

Kniskern replied that when someone speaks at a public meeting as a chairman or a member of a committee that they speak for that committee unless they state they are there as a private citizen. "That wasn't done," she said.

The Board, on a motion by Gauthier and a second by Bernie PLante, voted 4-1 to seek a clarification from the FRC. Lachance was opposed.

Miscellaneous

- The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Forest Fire Warden Tom Nault and appointed Fire Chief Phil Day, Jr. to the position.

- Chase was asked to follow up on a request for an additional handicap parking place on Elm Street.

- Chase suggested that a transfer of funds placed before the Finance Committee for engineering at Singletary Spillway be withdrawn. He said work could be done in July from funds available then and funds available now could be used for appraisal work for an easement at the spillway site. No motion came forward to withdraw the request for the funds.

- The Board voted to wait until they hear in writing from the school committee that there is a vacancy on the committee due to the resignation of Ed Wilczynski effective March 27, 1992. The School Committee has 30 days to notify the Board. Upon notification, the board and the committee must make a joint vote to fill that vacancy within seven days. Wilczynski's term expires in two years.

- The board signed a ten year contract for cable service to the Town with Greater Media Cable.

- Lachance asked the Board to consider taking water samples at Ramshorn Lake, noting that the ice break up has occurred earlier than at Singletary which is not the normal process in past years. He said he was concerned that there may be some pollution taking place and said he didn't want to see the lake run into the same problems as Dorothy Pond. The Board asked Chase to check on how the testing could be done.

- Millbury Police Officer Glen Parath has asked for permission to allow a person who is not an employee of the town to participate with him in training workouts at the Police Station. Police Chief Richard Handfield said he brought the request to the Board as he had some concerns with liability. The Board concurred and voted to deny the request.

The Board went into executive session to discuss the Chief's contract and deployment of security personnel.

Kindergarten Registration & Screening in Sutton

SUTTON - Registration for youngsters entering kindergarten in September, 1992, will be held on Tuesday, March 31, in the Sutton Kindergarten building. Youngsters who will be five (5) years old by August 31, 1002 are eligible for kindergarten. Bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records to registration. It is necessary for children to accompany their parents at this time as a Screening Clinic for speech and language skills will be conducted. Appointments have been made through the mail. If parents have not received information, call 865-6801 or 865-3764 for an appointment.

Tax Bills Mailed in Sutton

SUTTON - The first commitment of 1992 Motor Vehicle Excise bills has been mailed. Returns are due in the office of the Collector by April 21. The 2nd half of FY'92 Real Estate and Personal Property bills were also mailed and are due in the office by noon on May 1st. After that date, interest will be figured on the Real Estate and Personal Property bills at 14% from April 1st. If anyone has not received their bills, contact the Collector's office.

Vacancies in Sutton

SUTTON - The town of Sutton is seeking residents willing to donate a few hours of time each month to serve on various boards and committees. Vacancies exist on the following: Sewer Commission, Solid Waste Study Committee, Board of Appeals. Information on the positions is available in the office of the Town Administrator. Interested persons should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, 4 Uxbridge Road, Sutton, MA 01590.

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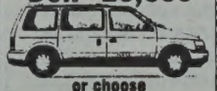

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By Rosemary Waltos

Call For America's Libraries "Say 'Yes' to your right to know." Call 1-800-530-8888. The American Library Association (ALA) and the Friends of Libraries USA urge you to join them in rallying public support on behalf of libraries, librarians and Right To Know. The goal is to stimulate public interest in and support for all types of libraries and to generate names and numbers of library supporters that can be used to impress key Congressional leaders come ALA Legislative Day on April 8.

The "Call for America's Libraries" campaign will consist of a month long series of "Radio Rallies" with ALA President Patricia Glass Schuman and 65 ALA leaders trained as media spokespeople appearing on national network radio shows and on talk shows in state capitals and major media markets.

A toll-free 800 telephone number, 1-800-552-9097, will allow members of the public to "Say Yes to Your Right to Know!" and to register their support for libraries and librarians. An 800 TDD number will enable the hearing impaired to register their support: 1-800-552-9097. The numbers will be in operation through April 11, Central Standard time, 7 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday.

In announcing the "Call," Schuman said numbers count: "It's time to show the policy makers who spend our tax dollars that Americans value library services and want to see them fully supported. The 800 number will give everyone who loves and appreciates libraries and librarians a chance to stand up and be counted."

Schuman went on to explain that "librarians are the only profession dedicated to ensuring the American public's Right to Know. We must tell the public what's at stake."

This is the Information Age. It is a time when the American people's need for information and the Right to Know cannot be separated if we are to live, learn, work and govern effectively. A basic tenant in our democracy is the right to information that is affordable, available, and accessible.

You can't exercise your Right to Know if you can't read. There are some 27 million Americans who can't read well enough to hold a job or read a story to their child. For them, the library is often the best hope of getting help, of getting the resources and services that can help them master this survival skill in today's society.

You can't exercise your Right to Know if your library is closed. America's libraries are in a state of financial crisis. In the past few years, some libraries have closed their doors. Many librarians have had to shorten hours, freeze new book purchases, lay off staff, and cancel special services such as storyhours, bookmobiles, and literacy programs. At the same time, our schools spend less than $6.00 per child on library books, an equivalent of one third book per child.

You can't exercise your Right to Know if someone else is telling you what you can and can't read. Attempts to censor the reading of others remain at record highs. Libraries stand firm on the principle that every person has the right to choose what he or she wishes to read, view or listen to.

You can't exercise your Right to Know if the cost is too high. The ALA has documented an alarming trend toward less access to government information paid for with tax dollars. Information, such as census data, formerly available free of charge, now carries steep price tags or is available only through private companies or in electronic format. Such charges are prohibitive for most libraries, let alone individuals. Remember, a call for America's Libraries is a call for your local public library. Call 1-800-530-8888. Call today.

Donkey Basketball Game

MILLBURY - The Millbury Jr/Sr High Athletic Booster Club will hold a Donkey Basketball Game on Saturday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gym. The donkeys will be ridden by the high school students in a "funny, hilarious laugh-'til-it-hurts" basketball game.

Pork Chop Supper

SUTTON - The First Congregational Church of Sutton will hold a Baked Stuffed Pork Chop Supper on Saturday, April 4, with sittings at 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. This family style dinner will also include homemade soup, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, homemade bread, and grapenut pudding. Tickets are $6.00 for adults, $2.00 for children 12 and under. Free for children 5 and under.

Named to Dean's List

WORCESTER - Melissa J. Haglund, a resident of Millbury, has been named to the Clark University dean's list for outstanding achievement during the 1991 fall semester. She is majoring in chemistry. To be eligible for this honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. No more than 20% of any class may receive honors. Haglund is the daughter of Stephen C. Haglund of Douglas and Shirley A. Haglund of Millbury.

Community Reading Day

MILLBURY - This April 8th will mark the Millbury Public Schools' 3rd year of participation in community reading day. Special programs have been planned to take place at the Elmwood Street School and Shaw Elementary School.
In conjunction with the Alliance for Education, both schools will serve as host sites to local volunteer "celebrities" who will read aloud to children in grades Pre K-6. Lillian Pride has been named Chairwoman of this event. For further information, contact Dr. Richard Palermo, Assistant Superintendent for the Millbury Public Schools, at 865-9501.

Sutton High Drama Department to Present "Our Miss Brooks"

SUTTON - The Junior Senior High School Drama Department will present the three act comedy "Our Miss Brooks" on Wednesday, April 8. The presentation has a cast of 20 students who tell the tale of an English teacher who has plenty of teacher troubles and escapes them by dreaming about her vacation.

You'll Meet the Athletic Coach, Hugo; his star athlete Ted; Mr. Wadsworth, the high school principal; and many other fascinating individuals. "Our Miss Brooks" was a popular television show during the 1950's.

The play will be presented at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary school auditorium. Tickets are $2.00 and can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling the high school office.

Cast Members are as follows: Sarah Gribauskas, Jennifer Johnson, Ian Newton, Christopher Baker, Tracy Person, Stephanie Aldrich, Emily Plotczyk, Brittany Weber, Christina Strieby, Kelsey Guntharp, Nicolle Secord, Kristen Kaczynski, Jessica Palmer, Jonathan Laydon, Anthony Melia, Ethan Washbourne, Anne Roach, Jeffrey Penterson, Lorelei Plotczyk, and Jonathan Moore. "Our Miss Brooks" is directed by Music/Drama Instructor, Arthur Sacco, Jr.

Sutton nature trail

SUTTON - Spruce Up Day at the Cedar Swamp Nature Trail located behind the Elementary School on Boston Road will be held April 25 from 9-12. All hands are welcome to clear and prepare the trail for the upcoming season. Helpers are encouraged to wear work gloves and boots and to bring pruning tools. The Sutton PTA is sponsoring Family Nature Day on May 3, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the Trail, following the town baseball parade. Activities will include family ponding, nature crafts, storytelling, and a scavenger hunt. Enjoy a day outdoors with friends and family, free of charge.

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Hanratty explained that the position is now funded partially by federal grant monies since the assistant is also in charge of Chapter I, a federally funded program. The total salary is set at $58,450. He also said the Assistant Superintendent is primarily doing curriculum coordination work.

Bourdeau then questioned the superintendent's salary ($75,000). "If you look at other towns," he said, "such as Auburn where there are 2100 students and 178 teachers and were to base the salary on the number of people and the responsibilities, the comparison shows a lower salary of $64,000 in that town as opposed to Millbury where the Superintendent has responsibility over 1500 students and 121 teachers."

Hanratty replied that the Auburn superintendent is new to the position and not on the same contract level. He also said you would have to look at "like communities" such as Leicester and Northbridge which have similarities to Millbury.

Barbara Tuttle, who recently announced her candidacy for the school committee, passed out a survey she did of towns in the Blackstone Valley showing that of the six towns she surveyed, only two have an assistant superintendent and in one case one assistant was also doing the work of a business manager. Northbridge, she noted, has a student population of 2100 and three other towns also have a larger student population than does Millbury.

Northbridge and Blackstone-Millville are the only towns other than Millbury to have an assistant superintendent; neither of those towns has a business manager. The school systems of Grafton and Uxbridge, both larger than Millbury's, have neither position. Sutton, which is smaller, also has neither. "We have both," Tuttle said.

Hanratty noted that the Assistant Superintendent in Millbury brought in $208,000 in federal grants.

Tuttle countered that in Grafton, the assistant superintendent brought in $339,000 and in Northbridge $400,000 in grant funds.

Hanratty again said one has to look at "like communities" as designated by the state in their assessment programs.

Bourdeau said that Northbridge, a "like community", spends a reported $2850 per pupil as compared to Millbury's per pupil expenditure of $4438.

Hanratty said that may be true but you have to look at how many kids have left the schools in that town for other systems.

Pease said 60 students left the Northbridge system for other school systems but he could not verify his source of information.

Bourdeau said that that would not account for any significant reduction in the per pupil cost factor.

Hanratty replied, "It shows parents are unhappy with the education their children are receiving."

Other questions raised by Bourdeau dealt with the operation and funds in revolving accounts, funds for a volunteer coordinator's salary, and salary accounts for contracts not settled.

Resident Tom Maloney asked about the age of textbooks in the system.

Hanratty replied that texts are fairly new, with the oldest being probably six years old. He said texts are usually bought and updated with funds left over in other accounts and purchased at a time when they are at their lowest price.

Alan Tuttle spoke in favor of the School Committee reviewing its decision not to get involved in the School Choice Program last year. He noted that the Mass. Association of School Superintendents is lobbying against the proposal. He said the Committee would have control over how it would be implemented and could increase some of the lower subscribed classes and bring in added revenue to the system.

Hanratty said the committee took a wait and see position last year to look at problems other systems may have with the program.

Resident Wayne Sclar said he was opposed to the school choice proposal and could see where the disadvantaged or average student would not benefit by participating in it.

Following the review of the School Budget, the Committee briefly reviewed the Windle Field budget. Windle Field is leased to the town with the School Committee acting as agents for the town. The budget is under the approval of the Town Meeting.

Bourdeau remarked that there are no funds in the facility improvement account and asked how the recently set up revolving account is used.

Business Manager Sue Pierce explained that funds from the revolving account are only to be used for utilities.

Bourdeau asked what the $5300 dollars in this year's budget was to be used for.

Pierce said it will be used to pave the entrance driveway into and around the playground area within the leased portion of the field.

Telecommunications System

High School Principal Daniel Carmody, Media Specialist Tom Mongeon, and Computer Lab Coordinator Barbara Debs were present to speak to a recommendation to bring the Millbury School System into the Mass. Learning Pike Telecommunications system. The system would include telecommunication projects and courses conducted by teachers and scientists as well as telecommunication projects between Millbury students and other local communities who are involved in Mass. Learning Pike.

Carmody said that in addition to learning opportunities, there are economic benefits as well. The cost for the initial buy into the system will be $4000. The Committee unanimously approved Sylvia's recommendation to adopt the system.

Superintendent's Evaluation

The Committee used a format adopted several years ago in its annual evaluation of Superintendent Alfred Sylvia. He was rated in 27 areas related to his administration of the school system. According to Hanratty, the evaluation is intended to be constructive and to assist in the development of the administrative skills of the superintendent.

Overall, Sylvia received a better than satisfactory rating from committee members Hanratty, Marble, Pease, and Pojani. Wilczynski didn't participate in the open evaluation process because of his absence due to ill health. The evaluation allowed for a range of 1 (excellent) to 5 (not acceptable). Most of Sylvia's ratings were in the range of 1-3. He received 24 1's (excellent), 42 2's (higher than category 3), 30 3's (satisfactory) and 9 4's (should undertake action to seek improvement).

Marble said there were areas in which he thought Sylvia needed to improve, but generally thought Sylvia was doing a good job.

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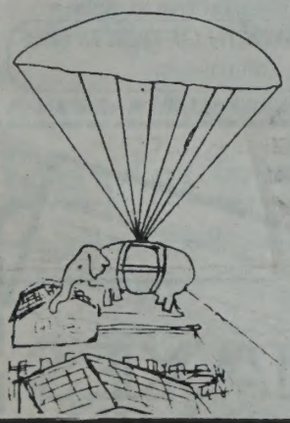
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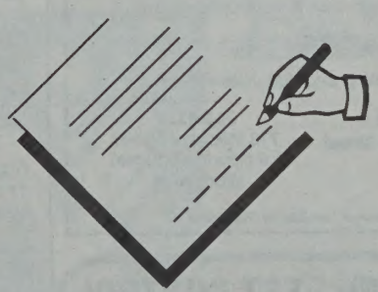
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From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

Little by little I'm getting back into the swing of things and the ministry God has called me to here in Millbury. I was able to attend the Millbury/Sutton Ecumenical Cluster the other day, and it was a most profitable meeting.

We had as our guests, two Judys representing their office for the aging: Judy O'Connor from Millbury and Judy Shute from Sutton. They shared with us some of the wonderful things that are being done through their offices.

Both have the noontime feeding programs and also meals on wheels five days a week. I have attended the one in Millbury and can testify that they are very good. There are also programs of sing-a-longs, bingo, card games, and other entertainments.

Vans are also available to pick people up for these programs and to take them shopping once a week. These vans are also available for other activities where transportation is needed. They can also take you to the church of your choice if that need is only made known to them. So there is no excuse now to miss church.

It seems to me to be beyond their calling, but these offices also maintain food cupboards for those in need. We were told that the needs in our communities are increasing all the time.

What makes these programs possible are the volunteers who work with them. These are town-run programs and they depend on us locally to run them. If you have experienced the grace and goodness of God in your own life, why not share that with others by volunteering for one of these programs. Just a phone call to either office, and I'm sure you'll be experiencing the wonder of reaching out to others. Amen.

Preschool Screening Program

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Schools will conduct developmental screening for three and four year old children on Friday, April 3 at the Elmwood Street School. The screening will consist of each child's development in the areas of speech and language, hearing, vision, and motor skills.

The purpose of the screening is to identify preschool children ages 3 and 4 who may be in need of special education. Parents who are concerned that their child may have a learning impairment are urged to register for a screening appointment by contacting Mr. Montimurro at the Elmwood Street School, 865-5241. The registration is in compliance with Chapter 766, the state's special education law. Children who are registered for kindergarten will be screened in September. A meeting to explain screening procedures and answer any questions will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 9:00 a.m. at Elmwood. All interested parents are invited to attend.

Women's Bowling League

Ann Coons rolled the high triple, a 313 with strings of 104-113-96. Charlotte Gabree rolled a 298 for second, strings of 115-93-90. Gail Higginbottom rolled a 293 for third, strings of 85-108-100. Charlotte Gabree's 115 was the high single.

Nine rolled 100 and over: Ann Coons, 113-104; Gail Higginbottom, 108-100; Charlotte Gabree, 115; Gloria Chichy, 113; Bobbee Bernard, 110; Mary Jo Boire, 110; Marge McArdle, 104; Marion Hamilton, 102; and Pat Gaspar, 101.

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Mary Jo Boire 90.3
Ellen Bouvier 88.9

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Pat Gaspar 355
Gail Higginbottom 337
Kathy Marble 336

Rummage Sale

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of Raymond memorial Church, 5 Raymond Street, East Millbury, will hold a rummage sale at the church Friday, March 27, from 7-9 p.m., Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3, from 1-3 p.m. The final day of the sale will be Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be clothing for all shapes and sizes and a host of other bargain items. Anyone having articles to contribute that need to be picked up can call 799-2622, 757-8763, or 755-3591.

Turkey Luncheon

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will resume its First Thursday Luncheons with a Turkey Dinner on Thursday, April 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Main Street (the red brick church next to the common). The Chairperson assures that they do not plan to run out of food this time!

The menu will include a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, french bread and butter, hot or cold beverage, and a choice of desserts, all for $5.00. Lunches may also be ordered to go by calling Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176 with your order and the time you wish to pick it up.

Volunteers Needed for Benefit Basketball Game

MILLBURY - The Bay State Wheelers will challenge Millbury's finest to a game of wheelchair basketball on May 1, from 7-9 p.m. at the High School Gym. Money raised will be donated to the Millbury Super Park Committee. Sign up to play by calling Gail at 865-3265 or Debbie at 865-3123.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

MILLBURY - The Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet of the First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will be held Friday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a catered meal by Marie. There will be a magician for everyone to enjoy. Prizes will be awarded, and it promises to be a fun evening. The Program Committee is in charge.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 5-10. There is no charge for children 2 and under. For reservations, call Edith Army at 865-3722 or Kay Lachance at 865-9639. Reservations and money must be in by April 5. All women of the Church and guests are invited to attend.

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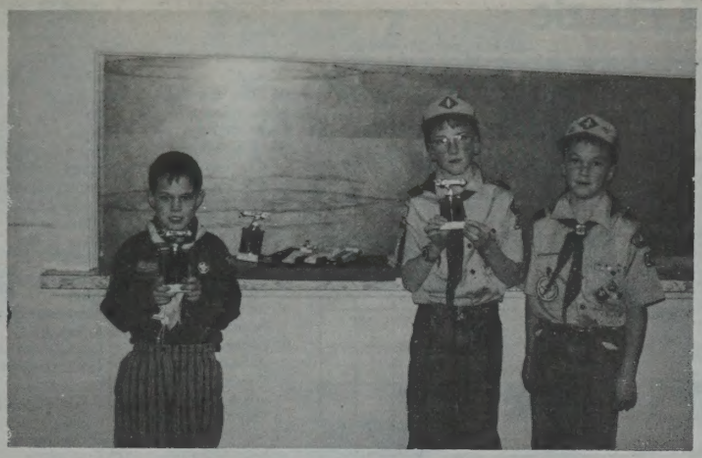
Pack 243 - Energy Packed!

SUTTON - From the January Pinewood Derby to the February Ultimate Frisbee Competition, it has been a busy two months for Sutton Cub Scout Pack 243. The results of this year's Derby are as follows: RACE WINNERS - First, Eric MacDonald; Second, Peter Lefferts; third, Matt Blanchard; Fourth, Eric Jones. MOST UNIQUE DESIGN: First Tim Carter; Second, Michael Carra; Third, Scott Army. BEST BUILT BY BOY: First, Eric kelley; Second, Torrence Devericks; Third, Sean Smith. BEST PAINT JOB: First, Chris Wilke; Second, Richard Magner; Third, Ryan Gosslin; TIGER CUB FUN RACE: First, Cody Bishop; Second, Patrick Walsh; Third, Patrick Therrien.

Scouting awards for the month of January included: WEBELOS BADGE - Kevin Blanchard, Michael Fusaro, Jeffrey Johnson, Eric Jones, Eric Kelley, Peter Lefferts, Troy Olsen, Ryan Shepherd, Christopher Windle; WEBELOS ACTIVITY PINS - Citizen: Alex Hebert, Matt Blanchard, Chris Wilke, Tim Carter; Citizen and Showman: Marc Vigeant; Citizen and Family Member: David Spinney; Naturalist: Troy Olsen; Fitness: Ryan Shepherd; Family Member and Traveler: Christopher Windle; WEBELOS COMPASS EMBLEM - Marc Vigeant, Jeff Johnson, Eric Jones, Peter Lefferts, Troy Olsen, Ryan Shepherd, Christopher Windle; WEBELOS COMPASS POINTS - Matt Blanchard, Tim Carter; PURPLE PANDA CONSERVATION AWARD - Jeff Johnson, Eric Jones, Peter Lefferts, Ryan Shepherd; SPORTS PINS - Soccer: Matt Blanchard; Swimming: Christopher Windle; 1992 BOWL-A-THON PATCHES AND TROPHIES - Troy Olsen, Ryan Tappin, Tim Carter, Chris Wilke, David Spinney, Kevin Blanchard, Matt Blanchard.



Pack 243 Pinewood Derby winners (l-r): Eric MacDonald, Matt Blanchard, and Eric Jones.

At the February Pack meeting, an Ultimate Frisbee Competition was held. The Green Team took first place, followed by the Blue Team. The Red and White Teams tied for third. Each Cub Scout and Webelo was awarded an Ultimate Belt Loop for participating and doing his "Cub Scout Best."

February's scouting awards included: BEAR BADGE - Travis Anderson, Scott Army, Zachary Bishop, Michael Carra, Ryan Clark, John Fallavollita, Jeremiah Osterman, Matthew Sobaleski; WOLF BADGE - Daniel Allison, Brian Babin, Tim Harrison, Ron Novak, David Strieby, Richard Magner; WEBELOS ACTIVITY PINS - Showman: Matt Blanchard, Alex Hebert, David Spinney, Chris Wilke; Artist: Eric Jones; WEBELOS COMPASS POINT - Alex Hebert, David Spinney, Chris Wilke, Eric Jones; Purple Panda Conservation Award and Basketball Sports Pin, Alex Hebert.

A double Cub Scout round of applause is due to the dads who organized and ran the Pinewood Derby and to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Wilke for explaining the rules and refereeing the Ultimate games.

Health Awareness Day

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lions Club and District Nursing Society are working together to keep the Millbury community in its best state of health. On Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles F. Minney Post, the Millbury community is invited to attend "Millbury Health Awareness Day" and participate in a variety of free health education activities and screenings, including cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar, hearing, glaucoma, visual acuity, oral cancer, and colon cancer.

To participate in the cholesterol screening, offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. only, individuals must call 865-3561 or 865-4373 to schedule an appointment. All other screenings will be offered on a walk-in basis. The Lions Club "sightmobile" will also be on hand. Join in this spring event and invest in your own good health.

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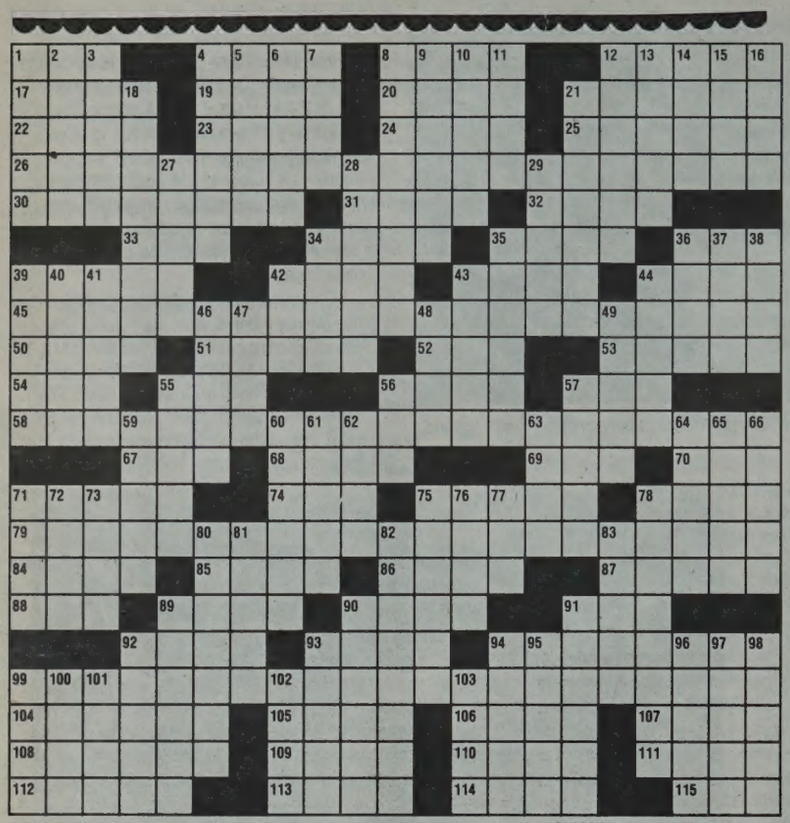

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By Frances Hansen

ACROSS

1 Feeling blue
4 Antony or Connelly
8 City on the Irtysh
12 Rosey of football and TV
17 French notion
19 Perlman of "Cheers"
20 Stravinsky's spring thing
21 Boxing match opener
22 Big swallow
23 Brunch, for instance
24 Cuture medium
25 Took an excessive share
26 1st Q. in Valentine's Day dialog
30 A little bit
31 TV's "— Baltimore"
32 Follow orders
33 Obsolete auto
34 Give —: take a stab
35 Ridge of eskers
36 Word with la, la
39 Syria's president
42 Mine, in Metz
43 — Rabbit
44 Throw in the towel
45 Q.2? Did she fall in love with her dog?
50 Makes tracks
51 Come up
52 Cio-Cio-San's sash
53 Crummy
54 N.Y. winter time
55 "— pro nobis"
56 Elvis Presley's middle name
57 Speedy Atl. flyer
58 Q.3? Did Cupid wing anyone else?
67 French connections
68 Pungent herb
69 Cozy room
70 Lizzie's weapon
71 Boadicea's tribe
74 TV program recorder
75 Sturdy stocking material
78 Prelude to 2 Down
79 Q.4? Did that upset his wife?
84 Trevi coins
85 Sunrise, poetically
86 "Now — me down to sleep..."
87 Nastase's nickname
88 Ike's W.W. II command
89 Pines and balsams
90 Fit of pique
91 Review unfavorably
92 Lowest female voice
93 Top-of-the-line
94 Most rapid
99 Q.5? Did you take Cupid's arrows?
104 Baroque
105 Goering or Goebbels
106 Hokkaido aborigine
107 Erin's other name
108 As one
109 "...heaven is like unto —": Matt. 13:47
110 Persian's ancient foe
111 Long narrative
112 Used a lasso
113 "Candy is dandy" poet
114 Wire nail
115 Educ. TV

DOWN

1 Venice's Bridge of —
2 Engage in —: cross swords
3 Old or New city of India
4 Marquand's detective
5 "...that's — of a note": Hemingway
6 All set
7 Composed
8 Handel's "Messiah", for one
9 "— Lak a Rose"
10 Madame de —: French wit
11 Deborah, Walter or Jean
12 Peanut, down south
13 British football
14 Swenson of "Benson"
15 River to the Fulda
16 Lorna Doone's John
18 Pithy sayings
21 A fray or fruit
27 Vamp Bara of the Silents
28 "— in England now...": Browning
29 First minor prophet
34 Andy's sidekick
35 "— or swim.": Shakespeare
36 Bishop or ballet skirt
37 Social reformer Jacob
38 Dist. —
39 "...to —, and dust to dust"
40 — kebab
41 Take care of
42 Cuckoo
43 Scat singing style
44 Allotted amount
46 Takes a chance
47 Part of Q.E.D.
48 Standard
49 Ole of "Hellza-poppin"
55 Eye-related
56 Northern diving bird
57 Curl the lip
59 Uptight
60 Young eels
61 Mil. scouting expedition
62 Inca country
63 Inactive
64 Canterbury stories
65 Raise on high
66 Answer
71 Capri, for one
72 Club tab
73 Architect Saarinen
75 Nabokov nymphet
76 "— first you don't succeed..."
77 Short
78 Huts
80 Left out
81 Dumbbell
82 Maker of pots and pans
83 Muddled situation, G.I. style
89 Grooved
90 Grabs forcibly
91 Provoked
92 Lose intensity
93 Boss, in Africa
94 More foxy
95 "A Fish Called —,"
96 French mineral water
97 Lint-collecting material
98 Trick's alternative
99 "Where Is — Heart?" Valentine query
100 Rubik of the cube craze
101 Impertinent lass
102 — even keel
103 Meek beast

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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FRIDAY: juice, cheese or pepperoni pizza, french fries, tossed salad

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WEDNESDAY: baconburger on a roll with lettuce & tomato, or pizza, potato puffs, fruit
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Hourly rate is dependent upon experience. Positions are part time, approximately 3-5 hrs per week each. There are no benefits. Persons interested must apply in person at the office of the Town Administrator, 4 Uxbridge Road, Sutton. A typing and dictation test will be required. Sutton is an AA/EOE.

GATE ATTENDANT: the town of Sutton seeks a person at least 18 years of age to attend the gate at the Manchaug boat ramp. Work involves cleaning ramp area, mowing grass, collecting ramp fees. Position is weekends only from Memorial Day to Labor Day. No benefits. Applications available in the office of the Town Administrator, Town Hall, Sutton, Mass.

LABORER, CEMETERIES - the town of Sutton seeks person at least 18 years of age to work with board of Cemetery Commissioners doing maintenance work in the town's several cemeteries. Work includes operation of lawn mowers, brush cutters, and other power equipment incidental to the care of the cemeteries. Position is part time, approximately 20 hours per week from May 1 to September 1. No benefits. Applications available in the office of the Town Administrator, Town Hall, Sutton, Mass.

DIRECTOR, SUMMER RECREATION - The town of Sutton seeks a person qualified to fill the position of Director of the summer recreation program. Qualifications include physical education background and water safety instructor certification. Position is part time, approximately 32.5 hours average per week for 7 weeks. No benefits. Applications available in the office of the Town Administrator, Town Hall, Sutton, Mass.

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Sutton Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 81-Q, M.G.L., the Sutton Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 6, 1992 at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Center to consider the revised Sutton Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations, and the new Limited Density Residential Development (LDRD) Rules and Regulations.

Copies of the proposed texts may be inspected at the Town Clerk's Office during regular office hours.

Any person wishing or interested to be heard, should appear at the time and place designated.

Scott Paul, Chairman
March 19 and 26, 1992

Notice of Sale
Surplus Vehicle

The Millbury Public Schools requests sealed bids for the sale of a 1983 Ford E350 sixteen (16) Passenger Van. The minimum acceptable bid will be $600.00. The van may be viewed on March 31st, April 6th, or April 8th from 2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the rear of the Police Station. Sealed bids will be publicly opened on April 10, 1992 at 2:00 P.M. The school department reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Vehicle specifications and a bid form may be obtained at the office of the Business manager at the Junior/Senior High School Annex, 12 Martin Street, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St.Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day, by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Say it for 9 days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude.

A.A.R.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

MILLBURY - The Millbury Jr/Sr High Athletic Booster Club will hold a Donkey Basketball Game at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will resume their First Thursday Luncheons with a Turkey Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. $5.00.

MILLBURY - The Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street, is sponsoring a support group for single and divorced mothers of all ages. A get-acquainted meeting will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the church vestry. Child care provided.

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public library will meet at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

SUTTON - last day to register to vote for the Annual Town meeting and Town Election.

Rabies Clinic in Millbury

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Health will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, April 4, at the Fire Headquarters on Elm Street. Dogs will be inoculated from 10-11:30 a.m. and cats from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The cost is $7.00 per animal. All animals must be restrained.

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fiscal 1992. Opponents said the package was fiscally irresponsible and spends new money in areas in which the state had made responsible cuts last year. Moore and Kollios vote for the budget.

PRIVATIZATION (H 5317) - House 113-31, approved an amendment to a budget section providing for a statewide study of potential privatization of state facilities and requiring legislative approval of any such action. The amendment expands the study to include consolidation or closing of any facilities and requires inclusion of a cost benefit analysis. Amendment supporters said this will let legislators know if there are actually any cost savings and gives the legislature, not just the Governor, input in to the process. Opponents said the administration solicits input through public hearings and argued requiring legislative input into what happens to every skating rink and pool will slow down the process. Moore and Kollios voted for the consolidation, closing and cost benefit amendment.

HAZARDOUS WASTE - (H 5317) - House 80-57, rejected an amendment making existing hazardous waste facilities subject to rules and regulations made by local boards of health to assure the facility will be operated in a manner which will not harm the public health or safety or the environment. Amendment supporters, noting a budget section unfairly strips local boards of health of most powers over hazardous waste facilities, said this amendment will at least insure local boards have some power left to protect their residents. Opponents said the amendment is an attempt to give the boards siting powers which will result in local shutdowns of facilities and a lack of facilities in the state. Moore and Kollios voted for the amendment giving local boards of health the regulatory power.

THE SENATE

UNEMPLOYMENT (S 1461) - Senate 22-8, gave near final approval to a bill hiking the unemployment insurance taxes on employers by 30%. The measure hikes the average payment from $363 per year per employee to $474 through 1993 and to $680 in 1994. Supporters said this is the only responsible way to bail out the state's unemployment trust fund which could reach a $900 million deficit by the end of the year. They noted the state is borrowing $5 million a day to pay benefits. Opponents said the bill is another tax hike which will hurt businesses and force them out of the state. Amorello voted against the hike.

WELD VERSION (S 1463) - Senate 25-6, rejected Governor Weld's alternative unemployment fund plan which would have left payments unchanged but cut future benefits to the unemployed by some $200 million. The Weld version tightens eligibility and reduces the number of weeks jobless benefits can be collected from 30 to 26 weeks. Supporters said this version will not hike the tax and claimed the fund will restore itself to a positive balance when economic conditions improve and unemployment drops. Opponents said the Weld version will result in continued borrowing of $5 million a day and is also unfair to future unemployed workers. Amorello voted against the Weld version.

SEASONAL EMPLOYEES (S 1461) - Senate 24-8, rejected an amendment eliminating benefits for certain seasonal employees who work for less than 26 weeks in seasonal businesses. Amendment supporters said this will stop college students and others working over the summer in tourist area restaurants and other seasonal jobs from collecting unemployment benefits. Opponents said this prohibition would hurt people like construction workers and others who would be denied benefits. Amorello voted against eliminating seasonal benefits.

DEADLINE

The deadline for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday noon of the week prior to publication. The office is closed on Saturdays, but announcements may be left in the mail box to the right of the side entrance door.

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Hanratty said that Sylvia's performance was, for the most part, above satisfactory.

Sylvia replied that the Millbury Schools have a lot to be proud of and attributed much of the good things going on to the staff and curriculum improvements. He thanked the Committee and said he would work diligently to improve in areas suggested.

After listening to Sylvia's evaluation, Wayne Sclar chastised the Committee, suggesting that they made Sylvia "sad" by giving him low marks. He said the Committee is as much responsible as Sylvia is for the education in the system. "The evaluation using a rating of 1, 2, 3, 4 means nothing to me as a private citizen," he said. He said the Committee isn't aware of the emotional impact this evaluation has on the Superintendent and the quality of education for children. "Evaluating him in a vacuum is unfair and unjust," said Sclar, and he went on to suggest that Committee members evaluate themselves and how their behavior impacts on the system. "He cannot perform without your support or the support of the citizen's of Millbury. I ask you to get the support of citizens for the system, to consider the image of the school system in the eyes of the public. Consider your own interpersonal skills with the superintendent. Consider the sadness, the anger, the fear. How can he lead?" Sclar asked. "Where is your leadership as you demand it of him?"

Hanratty, visibly upset by Sclar's remarks, angrily responded that the Committee does not evaluate the superintendent in a vacuum but evaluates him on a 52 week basis. "We support him and we support the school system. We have given him 99% of the requests he brings before this committee. I resent your statement that we evaluate him in a vacuum. We do it 52 weeks per year. He gets plenty of support and the grades we give show that we are fair."

Sclar said Hanratty misunderstood him. "I am asking you, as a citizen, to evaluate yourselves." He also added that he has the utmost respect for the school committee.

Hanratty replied that the people evaluate the Committee at each election since they can vote members in or out. "That's who evaluates us," he said. "We get criticism almost daily or weekly when we go around town."

Sclar said he was not trying to hurt the committee members but asked that they listen to people who come before them and encourage people to come to meetings.

Hanratty replied that the committee offers opportunities for people to speak up. "Most of the people in this room have had some problem or difference of opinion, and no one can say we don't allow them to state their case."

Sutton swimmer shines

Winning smiles from swimmer Tim Carter and his coach, Joanne Gallant.

SUTTON - Tim Carter, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Carter, Jr. of Sutton, competed at the recently held New England 10-Under Swimming Championships. The top 10-unders from throughout New England participated in intense competition for three days at Cape Elizabeth High School in Maine.

Tim, who swims for the Whitinsville Blue Dolphins, placed 5th in the 100 yard breaststroke; 6th in the 100 yard butterfly; 9th in the 50 yard breaststroke, and 12th in the 200 I.M. Qualifying in all 11 events, though competing in nine, he achieved "Personal Bests" in every event. This outstanding climax to the U.S. Swimming season follows Tim's earlier recognition as a Worcester County Swim League All-Star.

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